

processing and transmitting a video image including an object of interest) for examination on the merits in the present application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudice against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

In addition, the present preliminary amendment amends Claim 21 to depend from Claim 1. The changes to Claim 21 are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter. By the present amendment Claim 21 is believed to also be directed to the elected Group I invention.

Accordingly, an examination on the merits of Claims 1-24 and 30-62 is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS

21. (Twice Amended) [A] The method of [operating a video camera] claim 1, further comprising:

arranging [the] a camera so that [an] the object of interest occupies [a] the fraction of [an area of a] each captured image;
[tracking movement of the object of interest with the captured image;
selecting and extracting a region around the object of interest;] and
displaying only the extracted region of [the] each captured image.